(iv) The facility of payments of excise duty on incremental basis for successive slabs has been extended to the small paper mills from 1-4-86.

(v) Import of wood pulp, waste paper, chips and logs is placed under OGL.

(vi) Flexibility allowed to the industry to manufacture all varieties of paper and paper grade pulp including paper board straw board, within the overall licensed capacity.

(vii) Requirement of Industrial Licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residues, wastes and bagasse.

(viii) Statutory control over the production, price and distribution of white printing paper has been removed from January, 1987.

(ix) Restrictions on export of paper and paper board have been removed.

(x) The scheme of minimum economic capacity has been extended to paper and paper board industry (including speciality paper) based agricultural residues as raw materials and minimum economic capacity fixed at 33,000 tonnes per annum.

Central Investment in public sector projects in the districts of West Bengal

2825. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) What is the central investment made so far in public sector projects in differen districts of West Bengal;

(b) What are the details of the projects set up, employment generated and the number of local people given benefits; and

(c) what are the future plans of the Central Government for industrialisation of different districts of West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Districtwise investment in Central Public Sector Undertakings in the Country is not available. However, total investment in terms of grossblock as on 31-3-88 in the State of West Bengal was Rs. 5067.26 crores.

(b) There are 41 Central Public Sector Enterprises set up with registered office in West Bengal. Number of Public Sector Enterprises employees working in West Bengal is 4.17 lakhs. Details of local people employed are not available.

(c) The proposed investment in the 7th Plan in Central Public Sector Enterprises in the Industrial and Mineral Sector for the State of West Bengal is Rs. 1281.90 crores.

Industrial licences and letters of intent for States

2826. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industrial licences and letters of intent issued to the States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) what is the number of applications rejected; State-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 154]

(b) A statement is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 155]